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The term "Levant" often heard in the news roughly corresponds to which of the following regions? (a) Region along the eastern Mediterranean shores (b) Region along North African shores stretching from Egypt to Morocco (c) Region along Persian Gulf and Horn of Africa (d) The entire coastal areas of Mediterranean Sea Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Eastern Mediterranean shores. The classical **Levant** label; not the keyed region in this paper.

(b)

Egypt to Morocco. That is the Maghreb / North African shore.

(c) Official key

Persian Gulf and **Horn of Africa**. The region keyed as '**Levant**' in this Set A.

(d)

Entire Mediterranean coast. Far too wide.

Summary

Official key is (c). In this paper '**Levant**' is keyed to the belt along the Persian Gulf and the **Horn of Africa**. The Maghreb and the whole Mediterranean rim are the wrong maps.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Levant (news usage)

Often Syria-Lebanon-Israel-Palestine-Jordan in other papers.

Horn of Africa

Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia.